



Application form: RTA Community Planning Program and CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 29, 2017

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.org/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant	
2. Main Contact for Application	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone number:	
Email:	
3. Type of Applicant (please check any that applicant Local government	ply)
Multijurisdictional group*	Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):
Nongovernmental organization*	Name of local government partner(s):

^{*}Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information.

Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply)

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project.	
My project involves preparation of a plan.	
My project involves updating an already existing plan.	
My project helps to implement a past plan.	
My project links land use, transportation, and housing.	
My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.	
My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.	
5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)	
Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.	

6. Project Location

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may attach a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

7. Project Description

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (attach separate page as needed but less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. For plan updates please tell us how you will be building upon (or replacing) the previous work. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

8. Previous Plan Implementation Efforts

Please describe actions you have taken to implement previous plans in your community – whether your efforts were successful or not – to achieve infrastructure improvements, development investment, policy changes, advocacy, volunteer involvement, or other actions. If you do not have experience implementing previous planning work, please describe what you will do to make sure that your plan is implemented. Illustrating a commitment to implement plan recommendations is very important to both agencies as we consider new planning projects.

9. Additional Strategic Partnerships

Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project. Please specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application.



Village of Algonquin

The Gem of the Fox River Valley

June 26, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno) 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

Re: CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program – Village of Algonquin Health Assessment

To Whom it May Concern:

The Village of Algonquin, McHenry County, and Kane County request assistance through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program to help develop a community health assessment. The goal of the study would be to determine existing barriers to health equity that prevent residents in Algonquin from engaging in healthy lifestyles and physically active pursuits. More broadly, the village is interested in collecting local public health data that could then be used to help give a health-based perspective when considering new land use and transportation policies and codes.

Through a prior LTA grant from CMAP, Algonquin's 2016 Fox River Corridor Plan noted that "Walkability is an important factor in the health and viability of our communities. Having the ability to walk to accomplish errands or to reach a variety of amenities is good for personal health, the environment, and for household cost savings" (page 63). The Fox River Corridor Plan laid the groundwork for improving access within Algonquin's river corridor itself, and inspired the village to consider the potential for amplifying such health and recreation benefits by applying a similar assessment to the community as a whole.

To learn from best practices and collaborate with area stakeholders, the village will partner with McHenry and Kane County government agencies to produce a health assessment that covers the entire community. Algonquin is split between the two counties (see map attached) and since residents' needs don't necessarily recognize political boundaries, the village coordinated with staff at each county to prepare this application. Below are examples of a few topic areas that would benefit from further study, either through CMAP staff assistance or a private consultant:

- ➤ Generate health data through interviews and surveys (e.g. MetroQuest, Kane County Planning Cooperative) to assemble base line information for a variety of health indicators, including issues surrounding behavioral health, environmental health and chronic disease. The data would also provide location-specific information that could be used in meeting goals identified by the counties, such as the Kane County Community Health Improvement Plan.
- > Develop health survey questions that are comparable to county, state, and U.S. data, which would assist the counties as well as the village in identifying areas where access to

- health opportunities are constrained and/or where increased bicycle and pedestrian access would be beneficial to residents.
- ➤ Propose recommendations for increasing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity throughout the community, with a particular emphasis on considering opportunities for incorporating bike and pedestrian paths along county roadways, including Algonquin Road and Cary Road.
- Encourage increased outdoor recreation centered around Downtown Algonquin and the Fox River. Whether through public outreach, wayfinding signage or the addition of new trails, there is unrealized potential to promote the historic Old Town District and beautiful riverfront areas within the community itself.

Algonquin's 2013 Downtown Planning Study – funded through the LTA program – stated that "If Algonquin's Main Street is to become a truly successful downtown rather than a neighborhood-oriented commercial district, the community must proudly re-embrace it as the symbolic center of Algonquin" (page 85). By partnering with McHenry and Kane counties, our village has the unique opportunity at this time to bring residents from all throughout the community together by encouraging healthy lifestyles focused on improving non-motorized mobility between Downtown Algonquin and the dozens of residential subdivisions located as far east as IL Rt. 25 and extending west past Randall Road.

Ultimately, each of our organizations believe that efforts to increase physical activity/active transportation should connect areas in and around Algonquin to neighboring communities as well. Aligning plans with McHenry and Kane counties allows all three agencies to work together and encourage active transportation in the area, providing links to the north and south of the village, plus communities in the western, more rural areas of Kane and McHenry counties. Such regional planning would help promote equitable access to opportunities beyond Algonquin's immediate borders and maximize the health and well-being of citizens in the region.

Overall, with assistance through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program, all three agencies listed on this application would benefit from either CMAP staff assistance or a private consultant that could facilitate a joint planning effort aimed at achieving improved health, walkability and bicycle connections in Algonquin. It is envisioned that through a coordinated undertaking, Algonquin can establish itself as a model for active, healthy communities.

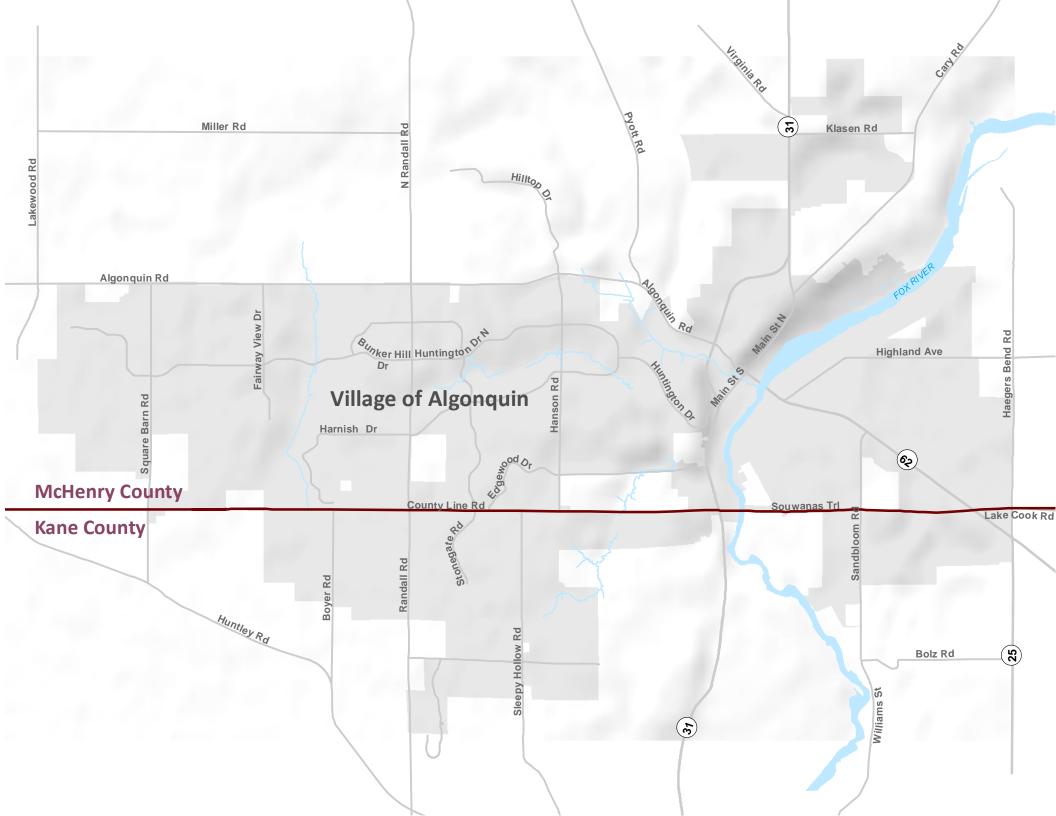
Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call me at (847) 658-5808, if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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McHenry County Division of Transportation

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June 15, 2017

Local Technical Assistance Program CMAP (Attn: Tony Manno) 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

Re: CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program – Village of Algonquin Health Assessment

To Whom It May Concern:

The McHenry County Division of Transportation, Department of Health and Department of Planning and Development are pleased to provide this letter in support of the Village of Algonquin's Local Technical Assistance Program application for a Village Health Assessment. By working collaboratively with the Village of Algonquin we hope this planning study will be a model that can be emulated in other municipalities in McHenry County in an effort to link land use and transportation in order to improve health outcomes for all our residents.

It is our expectation that each of our departments will benefit tremendously from the results of the Health Assessment. The Division of Transportation hopes to gather information on the desirability of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along County roads in the study area. The Department of Health hopes to build upon the results of the 2017 McHenry County Healthy Communities Study and gather additional health data specific to the Village of Algonquin.

Finally, the study will help implement the Department of Planning and Development's McHenry County 2030 And Beyond, 2016 Update to the McHenry County Comprehensive Plan. 2030 And Beyond is organized around several key themes or big ideas, including "Let's make our communities healthy, active, and green" and includes a recommendation that "McHenry County should work towards conducting health impact assessments with respect towards land use, transportation, housing, and other community design decisions."

If you have any questions, or if we can be of any help in your deliberations, please feel free to contact Scott Hennings, Principal Transportation Planner for the McHenry County Division of Transportation, at 815-334-4985.

Very truly yours,

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June 21, 2017

Mr. Anthony Manno Senior Planner Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Manno,

Kane County is pleased to partner with McHenry County and the Village of Algonquin to conduct a community health assessment of residents in the village as part of the Local Technical Assistance program. This assessment would provide data at the community level and allow staff to focus on particular areas that have the greatest need. Currently, health assessment data is not available at this geographic level and a needs assessment that focuses on Algonquin would provide new information to support the Village's efforts to improve its downtown area, including connecting all residents to the recreational opportunities available there.

This is a priority for Kane County because increasing physical activity is one of the areas of focus in the Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan. In addition, Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is interested in expanding the bicycle and pedestrian network throughout the county and particularly in connecting existing facilities. KDOT has a stand-alone Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and is in the process of updating its Long Range Transportation Plan which has strategies focused on bicycle and pedestrian access and safety. The plan update is utilizing CMAP's allocated Unified Work Program (UWP) funds, and this project will further that effort. We are pleased to be working together with McHenry County and this partnership would ensure projects benefit all residents in the area.

The Village of Algonquin has expertise in working on Local Technical Assistance projects with CMAP and continuing to work toward implementation of current plans is a logical next step in the planning process. Additional work to determine what residents are looking for in their downtown, coupled with health data that shows potential inequities in the village, would bring a new method of measuring the effectiveness of implementing plans. Kane County DOT enthusiastically supports this effort and will include the Health Department and Development and Community Resources Department as part of the project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 630-584-1170.

Sincerely,

Carl Schoodel, P.E. Director of Transportation

County Engineer